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Atty. Docket No. US-1460

In re application of: Imaizumi et al.
 Application No.: 10/023,711
 Filing Date: December 21, 2001
 Title: METHOD OF PRODUCING TARGET SUBSTANCE BY FERMENTATION

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 Washington, D.C. 20036

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted or a claim previously made.
☐ Small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9 and 1.27 is claimed.
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 30, 2003, which set a 3-month shortened statutory period for response thereto, please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows. A Petition for a 3-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and the fee specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a), is filed concurrently herewith.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.